

# INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Program Explanation

The Indian Country Economic Development Program, referred to as ICED, makes grant funds available to Tribal Nations in Montana for tribal business development projects, workforce training projects, entrepreneurial training, feasibility studies and other types of Tribal priority economic development projects. It was created by the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature and has been funded continuously through the 6<sup>2nd</sup> Legislature.

## Type of Assistance

Grant funds to assist Tribal governments in improving the economic conditions in Reservation communities.

## Eligible Applicant

The governing bodies of each of Montana's eight Tribal governments are the only eligible applicants for this program.



## How to Apply

Submit application directly to the program – application guidelines can be found through the program's website: [www.iced.mt.gov](http://www.iced.mt.gov).

## Use of Proceeds

- ★ **Business Development Projects**- business expansion, retention, start-up, or relocation projects
- ★ **Workforce Training Projects**- training and hiring Tribal members as permanent workers in job skills currently needed by a specific company on or off of the Reservation in Montana
- ★ **Entrepreneurial Training** - creation or maintenance of activities designed to provide entrepreneurial training for Reservation members
- ★ **Feasibility Study** - A feasibility study of a potential business activity that may have a significant economic impact on the future economic development of the Reservation
- ★ **Other Business Development Projects** - Other priority types of economic development projects (e.g., the administration of a small revolving loan fund for individual Indian businesses)



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## Limits and Match

- ★ \$70,000 per governing body
- ★ Minimum matching funds are \$1 match to \$1 awarded (1:1)
- ★ Workforce training projects are at a maximum of \$5,000 for each person to be trained and hired

## Reporting Requirements

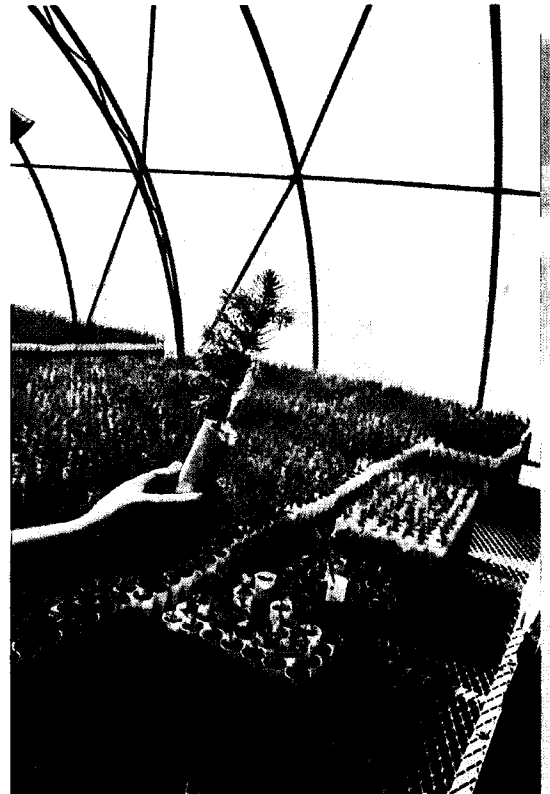
- ★ Quarterly Reports
- ★ Project Completion Report

## Application Timeline

- ★ Applications for the state fiscal year (July 01 – June 30) must be received on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## Examples

- ★ **2008 BLACKFEET- PIKUNI INDUSTRIES** collaborated with a mentor, Radiance Technologies, for planning and specification requirements for a \$1.6 Million Advanced Lightweight Material (ALM) Technology for missile defense and commercialization, creating 4 new jobs and a new Tribal enterprise, **BLACKFEET ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES (BAT)**.
- ★ **2009 CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** project retained 3 full time employees, 1 seasonal employee, and 6 part time employees. Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes provided \$162,544 in match.
- ★ **2007 FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY- LITTLE RIVER SMOKEHOUSE** a tribally-owned enterprise partnered with Little Rockies Meat Packing for marketing and operations. Total project match was \$188,000 and 8 staff were created and/or retained between the two facilities.



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